

# Church of St. Theresa

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2855 St. Theresa Avenue, Bronx, New York

## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday at 5:00pm,  
Sunday at 7:30am, 9:00am  
(Italian),  
10:30am(Family Mass) 12:15pm ,  
1:30PM(Spanish) & 5:00pm

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday thru Saturday 8:00am  
& 9:00am

## DEVOTIONS

Miraculous Medal & St. Theresa  
Novenas after Monday morning  
Masses St. Anthony Novena after  
Tuesday morning Masses.

Thursday 12 Noon Mass  
& Eucharistic Adoration

Exposition & Benediction of the  
Blessed Sacrament First Friday  
6:00pm

## CONFESSION

Saturdays from 4:00pm to 5:00pm  
and by appointment

## BAPTISMS

Baptisms take place most Sundays  
after the 1:30pm Mass.

We ask parents to attend the  
Baptism preparation meeting.  
Register at the Rectory for the  
meeting. The date of the Baptism  
will be discussed at the Baptism  
meeting.

## MARRIAGES

Call the Rectory at least six months  
in advance of the wedding date to  
make an appointment with parish  
clergy.

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## CHURCH OF ST. THERESA, BRONX

### FROM THE DESK OF FATHER DERIVAN

There are many people in the gospel stories whom we know by name. Of course we know Our Blessed Mother Mary and St. Joseph, we know St. Peter and the other apostles. We know good people like John the Baptist who prepared the way of the Lord and Lazarus whom Jesus raised from the dead. Yes, we know these people by name. But there are many others whose names we would like to know, but unfortunately we do not. We would like to know where they came from and what brought them to Jesus and what happened to them afterwards. And one such person is the young man whom we hear about in the gospel today, a good young man, a man who has followed God's commandments since he was young, a young man who wants to know what more he has to do to inherit eternal life, what more must he do to go to heaven. And when Jesus tells him to give up everything he has, the gospel says, he "went away sad because he had many possessions." Who was this young man? And what happened to him after he walked away from Jesus? We wonder. Did he leave Jesus for good or did he think about what Jesus said and then came back to the One he called "the good teacher?" We can only hope that he did. We can only hope that a minute later, a day later, a year or many years later, he turned around and came back to Jesus. We can only hope that happened. We can only hope that he came back to Jesus and said, "Lord, I want to follow you. I want to do what you ask. I want to go to heaven." Hopefully he did. Hopefully he came back to Jesus and became not only his follower, but a saint.

Almost four centuries ago another young man heard the call of Jesus to give up everything and follow Him. And we do know his name. His name was St. Isaac Jogues. He was a Jesuit teacher in his native France. But he heard the call of Jesus to go as a missionary to minister to the Native American people right here in what is now our own New York State. At first he was accepted by the Native American Iroquois tribes, but then things turned. Father Isaac was captured and tortured. For thirteen months, he was made to live as a slave. Through the help of some Dutch merchants Father Isaac escaped and returned to his native France. He could have spent the rest of his life there. He had certainly done enough for Christ. But he did not take the easy way. He did not walk away from Jesus. Instead he decided to go back to his Indians, the people he had grown to love. In the words of the gospel today, he was willing to give up all that he had to follow Jesus, even if that meant his own life. He returned here to our state, to a village near Albany now called Auriesville. He taught the people, celebrated Mass and did his priestly work, always knowing that he was always in danger. But he did not walk away. One day in 1646 he was invited to enter what was called a long house, a long meeting place. As he walked through the entrance, he was killed, giving his life for Christ. St. Isaac's statue is on the front door of St. Patrick's Cathedral. That reminds us how blessed we are to have missionaries like him, people who brought the faith to our land, people who helped us become Christians.

St. Isaac did not walk away He did what Jesus asked. He did not worry, as St. Peter did in the gospel, about what the Lord would give him in return for following Him. Just following Jesus was enough for him. Just a month before he died, St. Isaac wrote this, "Our single task is to do God's work and be faithful to Him and not to spoil His work by our shortcomings." We might put it in another way, not to get in God's way. May we learn from this great saint. May we never turn our backs on Jesus. Every day may we hear his call, "Come, follow me."

Father Thomas B. Derivan

### RESPECT OF LIFE

God of life and love,  
You created us in your image  
and sent you Son to bring us life.  
Instill in us a respect for all life,  
from conception to natural death.  
Empower us to work for  
justice for the poor.  
Nourish us that we may  
bring food to the hungry.  
Inspire us to cherish  
the fragile life of the unborn.  
Strengthen us to bring comfort  
to the chronically ill.  
Teach us to treat the aging  
with dignity and respect.  
Bring us one day  
into the glory of everlasting life.  
We ask this  
through Christ our Lord. Amen

### HANDICAP ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH

The side entrance to the Church on Pilgrim Avenue will be open every Sunday for anyone who is handicapped or in a wheelchair. Also this same entrance will be opened every weekday until 9:30AM.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK THIS SATURDAY

Our annual communal celebration of the beautiful Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will take place at a special 12:00PM Mass in our church this Saturday, October 20th.

All who need God's healing grace because of old age or sickness of mind or body are welcome to receive this Sacrament. The Church has extended the use of this Sacrament, which formerly was given only in danger of death (Extreme Unction). Now it is truly a sacrament of healing for all who come to seek Jesus' healing grace.

We welcome you to this special Mass this Saturday, October 20th at 12:00PM

### PETITION BOOK



Have you noticed our Petition Book in the vestibule of the Church? Every Saturday before the 5:00PM Mass, the petitions entered into the book for that week are brought up to the altar of the Blessed Mother, where they remain for all the weekend Masses. Please pray for these intentions. Please put only the names of the sick and deceased on this list.

## TWENTY-EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### OCTOBER, MONTH OF THE ROSARY

October has also been traditionally known as the month of the Rosary. The recitation of the Rosary is a devotion based on Sacred Scripture. The following reflections on the mysteries of the Rosary are from the University of Dayton's Marian Institute, based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

#### LUMINOUS MYSTERIES (Mysteries of Light)

Pope St. John Paul II proposed the Luminous mysteries below as an "addition to the traditional pattern." (RVM,19)

The mysteries of light are placed between the Joyful and Sorrowful mysteries. Each one of the Luminous mysteries sheds light on an important aspect of Christ's mission: He is Son of the Father, the miracle worker, announcer of the Kingdom, the transfigured Son of God, and living bread or Eucharistic presence. He is God's light for this world.

#### The Baptism of the Lord in the Jordan

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to refuse him with the protest, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you come to me!" Jesus answered him, "Give in for now; we must do this if we are to fulfill all of God's demands." So John gave in. After Jesus was baptized, he came directly out of the water. Suddenly, the sky opened and he saw the Spirit of God descend like a dove, and hover over him. With that, a voice from the heavens said, "This is my beloved Son. My favor rests on Him." The Baptism in the Jordan is first of all a mystery of light. Here, as Christ descends into the waters, the innocent one who became 'sin' for our sake (cf. 2Cor 5:21), the heavens open wide and the voice of the Father declares him the beloved Son (cf. Mt 3:17 and parallels), while the Spirit descends on him to invest him with the mission which he is to carry out. (RVM, 21).

#### The Self-revelation of the Lord at the Wedding Feast of Cana

The second mystery of light is the first of the signs, given at Cana (cf. Jn 2:1-12), when Christ changes water into wine and opens the hearts of the disciples to faith, thanks to the intervention of Mary, the first among believers. He reveals himself as Lord and miracle worker. In the mystery of light, apart from the miracle at Cana, the presence of Mary remains in the background. The Gospels make only the briefest reference to her occasional presence at one moment or other during the preaching of Jesus (cf. Mk 3:31-5; John 2:12), and they give no indication that she was present at the Last Supper and the institution of the Eucharist. Yet the role she assumed at Cana in some way accompanies Christ throughout his ministry. The revelation made directly by the Father at the Baptism in the Jordan and echoed by John the Baptist is placed upon Mary's lips at Cana, and it becomes the great maternal counsel which Mary addresses to the Church of every age: "Do whatever he tells you." (Jn 2:5). This counsel is a fitting introduction to the words and signs of Christ's public ministry and it forms the Marian foundation of all the 'mysteries of light'. (RVM, 21).

#### The Lord Jesus Proclaims the Coming of the Kingdom

After John's arrest, Jesus appeared in Galilee proclaiming the good news of God. "This is the time of fulfillment. The reign of God is at hand! Reform your lives and believe in the Gospel!" Another mystery of light is the preaching by which Jesus proclaims the coming of the Kingdom of God, calls to conversion (cf. Mk 1:15) and forgives the sins of all who draw near to him in humble trust (cf. Mk 2:3-13; Lk 7:47-48): the inauguration of that ministry of mercy which he continues to exercise until the end of the world, particularly through the Sacrament of Reconciliation which he has entrusted to his Church. (cf. John 20:22-23) (RVM, 21).

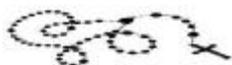
#### The Transfiguration of Our Lord

About eight days after saying this, he took Peter, John, and James, and went up onto a mountain to pray. While he was praying, his face changed in appearance and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah. They appeared in glory and spoke of his passage, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. Peter and those with him had fallen into a deep sleep; but awakening, they saw his glory and likewise saw the two men who were standing with him. When these were leaving, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, how good it is for us to be here. Let us set up three booths, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." (He did not really know what he was saying.) While he was speaking, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and the disciples grew fearful as they entered it. Then from the cloud came a voice which said, "This is my Son, my chosen One. Listen to him." When the voice fell silent, Jesus was there alone. The disciples kept quiet, telling nothing of what they had seen at that time to anyone. The mystery of light par excellence is the Transfiguration, traditionally believed to have taken place on Mount Tabor. The glory of God shines forth from the face of Christ as the Father commands the astonished Apostles to 'listen to him: (cf. Lk 9:35 and parallels) and to prepare to experience with him the agony of the Passion, so as to come with him to the joy of the Resurrection and a life transfigured by the Holy Spirit. (RVM.21)

#### The Institution of the Eucharist

During the meal Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his disciples. "Take this and eat it," he said. "this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them. "All of you must drink from it," he said, "for this is my blood, the blood of the covenant, to be poured out in behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will not drink this fruit of the vine from now until the day when I drink it new with you in my Father's reign." Then, after singing songs of praise, they walked out to the Mount of Olives. A final mystery of light is the institution of the Eucharist, in which Christ offers his body and blood as food under the signs of bread and wine, and testifies 'to the end' his love for humanity (Jn 13:1), for whose salvation he will offer himself in sacrifice. (RVM,21).

#### THE CADLELIGHT ROSARY



Come and join us for the recitation of the "Candlelight Rosary" this Wednesday, October 17th at 7:15PM in church. The children will light candles as we say each bead of the Rosary. The ceremony will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.



**CANONIZATION OF POPE PAUL VI AND  
ARCHBISHOP OSCAR ROMERO TODAY IN ROME**



Today at the Vatican Pope Francis will preside over the canonization of Blessed Pope Paul VI and Blessed Oscar Romero, two great figures of the Church whose influence, particularly in the quest for peace and justice, is more pronounced today than ever before. They truly will be “saints for our time.”

**Pope St. Paul VI:**

Born as Giovanni Montini in 1897 in the town of Concesio in the Lombardy region of Italy, the future Pope Paul VI was ordained a priest at the age of 22. He served as archbishop of Milan before his election as Bishop of Rome in 1963.

As Pope, he oversaw much of the Second Vatican Council, which had been opened by Pope St. John XXIII, and in 1969, he promulgated a new Roman Missal. He died in 1978, and was beatified by Pope Francis October 19, 2014.

Apart from his role in the Council, Paul VI is most widely known for his landmark encyclical, *Humanae Vitae*, published in 1968. This year marks the 50th anniversary of this encyclical, making the canonization of the author all the more relevant.

In 1965 Pope St. Paul VI became the first Pope to visit the United States. He is known for his work for peace. Many will remember his plea at the United Nations, “No more war! War never again.” The Pope is also revered in the Third World countries because of his insistence in his 1967 encyclical *Populorum Progressio* (The Progress of People) which drew attention to the worsening marginalization of the poor, the reality of injustice, and the need for society to work for true development toward a more human condition for all people, not just a privileged few.

**St. Oscar Romero:**

Blessed Oscar Romero, who was beatified by Pope Francis May 23, 2015, in El Salvador, was the archbishop of the nation’s capital city of San Salvador. When he was appointed as Archbishop, he became a strong advocate for justice in his home country. He said, “Like a voice crying in the desert, we must continually say ‘No’ to violence and ‘Yes’ to peace.” He knew the risk he was taking in speaking for justice in his troubled land and said, “Let my blood be a seed of freedom and the sign that hope will soon be reality.” Archbishop Romero was shot while celebrating Mass March 24, 1980, during the civil war between leftist guerrilla forces and the dictatorial government of the right. As an outspoken critic of the violence and injustices being committed at the time, he was declared a martyr who was killed in hatred of the faith for his vocal defense of human rights.

Maybe one of these new saints help us to be workers of peace and justice, as they were. “St. Oscar Romero and St. Paul VI, pray for us.”



**OCTOBER 16  
ST. HEDWIG, RELIGIOUS  
PATRON OF SILESIA**



**FLU SHOTS**

Rite Aid Pharmacy on Crosby Avenue will once again provide flu shots here at our school cafeteria on Sunday, October 28th from 9:00AM to 2:00PM. Please bring your insurance card. Most insurances are accepted.

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Born in Bavaria in 1174, Hedwig was the daughter of the Duke of Croatia. In 1186, she was married to Henry I of Silesia and Poland to whom she bore seven children; after the birth of her last child, she and her husband vowed continence. She is best remembered for her great zeal for religion and her penitential mortifications, which led her to live like a hermit amidst her husband’s court.

St. Hedwig donated her entire fortune to the Church and the poor, and after her husband’s death she entered the Cistercian convent of Trebnitz, which she had founded, among many others. She died on October 15, 1243, and was caonized in 1266 by Pope Clement IV.

PRAYER Almighty God, may the venerable intercession of St. Hedwig obtain heavenly aid for us, for her life constitutes a wonderful example of humility for all. Amen.



**OCTOBER 18TH  
ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST  
PATRON OF DOCTORS AND PAINTERS**

St. Luke was born at Antioch, Syria. He was a Gentile by birth and a physician by profession. According to a legend of the 6th century he was also a painter.

St. Luke was an early convert to the Faith and became the missionary companion of St. Paul, whom he accompanied on part of his second and third missionary journeys, and attended in his Caesarean and Roman captivities. Little is known with certainty of his later life.

The unanimous tradition of the Church ascribes the third Gospel to St. Luke. Allusions to and citations from the Gospel are most frequent in early Christian writings, and even heretics made diligent use of this inspired book. The Gospel itself shows that its author was a person of literary powers, a physician, and a companion of St. Paul. Early Christian tradition ascribes the Gospel and its companion volume, The Acts of the Apostles, to approximately 75 A.D.

Little is known with certainty about the place of composition.. Some of the ancient authors suggest Achaia (Greece); some of the manuscripts mention Alexandria or Macedonia; while modern writers also defend Caesarea, Ephesus, or Rome. As an artist, St. Luke shows his skill in portraying living characters, and he has remained an inspiration to painters for centuries. As historian, he is comparable with the great Greek and Latin writers. In his Gospel there is a steady movement of events from Nazareth to Jerusalem, whereas in the Acts it is from Jerusalem to Rome.

**PRAYER** God, You chose St. Luke to reveal in preaching and writing Your love for the poor. Grant that those who already glory in Your Name may persevere in one heart and one mind, and that all people may hear Your Good News of salvation.

Amen

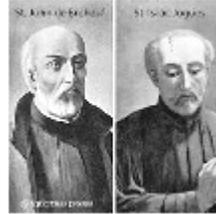
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The St. Vincent de Paul Society once again, requests donations of useable winter coats. As the winter months draw near, let us be mindful of those who do not have protection against the cold of the winter. You may bring your donations of useable adult and children's coats to the boxes which will be set up in the vestibule of the church beginning next Saturday and Sunday before and after mass, or to the rectory during the week. We are most grateful for your generosity.

**HOMEBOUND**

If any member of your family or if any of your neighbors are "Homebound" and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please call the Rectory so that a Priest or Eucharistic Minister might visit them.



**OCTOBER 19  
ST. JOHN DE BREBEUF &  
ISAAC JOGUES, Priests and Martyrs,  
AND THEIR COMPANIONS, Martyrs**

Sts. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, Charles Garnier, Anthony Daniel, Gabriel Lallemand, Noel Chabanel, John de Lalande and Rene Goupil, French Jesuits, were among the missionaries who preached the Gospel to Huron and Iroquois tribes in the United States and Canada. They were martyred by the Iroquois in the years 1642, 1648, and 1649. Pope Pius XI beatified them on June 21, 1925, and on June 29, 1930, they were canonized by the same Pontiff.

St. Isaac Jogues, in particular, is outstanding. In the course of his labors preaching the Gospel to the Mohawks in Canada he penetrated to the eastern entrance of Lake Superior, one thousand miles inland and became the first European to do so. In 1642, he was taken captive by the Iroquois and imprisoned for thirteen months. During this time, he underwent cruel tortures and ultimately lost the use of his hands.

After being rescued by the Dutch, Father Isaac returned to Canada two years later, and in 1646 he visited Auriesville, New York, to negotiate peace with Iroquois. He is said to be the first Catholic priest to have set foot on Manhattan Island.

On the Saint's third visit to the Iroquois, the Bear clan, which believed that "Blackrobe" (as he was called by the Indians) was a sorcerer, blamed him for an outbreak of sickness and the failure of their crops. Accordingly, he was seized, tortured, and beheaded.

**PRAYER** God, You consecrated the spread of the Faith in North America by the preaching and martyrdom of Sts. John and Isaac and their companions. Through their intercession may the Christian Faith continue to grow throughout the world.

Amen

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THE FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE ALTAR THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF SAL GRECO ALL MY LOVE, CARMELA



**SATURDAY OCTOBER 13, 2018**

5:00PM Sal Greco

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 14, 2018**

7:30AM Parishioners of St. Theresa

9:00AM John Buonarobo

10:30AM John Patrick Gallagher

12:15PM Irma Orrico

1:30PM Rose Seda

5:00PM Lena Rubuano

**MONDAY OCTOBER 15, 2018**

8:00AM Anthony Cristiano

9:00AM Andrea Oswald

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 16, 2018**

8:00AM Gino Fata

9:00AM Barbara Muehlbauer

**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 17, 2018**

8:00AM Maria & Carlo Albanese

9:00AM Rev. Thomas D'Angelo

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 18, 2018**

8:00AM Jeffrey Ortiz

9:00AM Concetta Liccese

12NOON Arcangelo & Giovanna Frangella Jr.

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 19, 2018**

8:00AM Sr. Irene Arrigoni

9:00AM Maria Bruno

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 20, 2018**

8:00AM Kathleen Groman

9:00AM Gerard Rivera

5:00PM Cornetta Family

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 21, 2018**

7:30AM Parishioners of St. Theresa

9:00AM Carmine Fusco

10:30AM Peter Anthony LaRosa

12:15PM Theresa Tomasolo

1:30PM Manuel Concepcion

5:00PM Anne DiTommaso

**PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:**

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Please continue to share the peace and joy of our faith with others. There are so many that are in the need of Jesus. Can you be for all of us a living sign to all our parishioners and neighbors, and tell them for us "we need them and love them". Someone may hear and accept the invitation from you and return home to worship the Lord with us. So please invite a friend, relative, or neighbor to come with you to Church next Sunday. God will do the rest. Let us share our treasure of faith with others.

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